

PATENT
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For : **MUSCLE-DERIVED CELL MEDIATED GENE TRANSFER
FOR TREATING MUSCLE OR BONE-RELATED INJURY OR
DYSFUNCTION**
Group Art Unit : 1643
Examiner : To Be Assigned

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified patent application,
entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

New claims:

Please add new claims 81-118 as follows.

81. (New) A method of repairing sphincter muscle injury or dysfunction,
comprising:
- (a) harvesting muscle-derived cells from an individual; and
 - (b) introducing said muscle-derived cells in an amount effective to
repair sphincter muscle injury or dysfunction into a site of sphincter muscle injury.

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